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LETTER DATED 14 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit a statement forwarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Consulate of the Islamic State of Afghanistan in Dushanbe in connection with the attack mounted on 13 July 1993 by a group of armed persons and Afghan mujahidin on the village of Sarigor in the Shurabad district of Hatlon region in Tajikistan.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lakim KAYUMOV
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement forwarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan on 13 July 1993 to the Consulate of Afghanistan in Dushanbe

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan feels obliged to inform the Consulate of the Islamic State of Afghanistan that, today, 13 July 1993, at 4 a.m. a 200-strong group of armed persons and Afghan mujahidin mounted an attack on the village of Sarigor in Shurabad district. The attackers used mortars, rocket launchers and recoilless rifles. The group was commanded by the Afghan field commander Kori Hamidullo. In April and May 1993 a group under his command more than once violated the State frontier in the same district and carried out provocative armed actions deep inside Tajik territory. The commanding officer of the 55th Infantry Division of the Ministry of Defence of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Kozi Kabir, was in overall command of the operation and responsible for the supply of reserves and armaments. The group looted and burned down the village of Sarigor and penetrated the territory of the 12th subunit of Russian frontier troops.

Russian frontier troops, subunits of the 201st Motor-rifle Division and forces of the National Security Committee and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan are conducting combat operations to liberate the area in question and to drive the armed bands from Tajik territory. The attackers have sustained heavy casualties. The number of wounded and dead among the civilian population and the Russian frontier troops is currently being ascertained.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs notes with particular anxiety and concern that the participation of the commanding officer, subunits of the 55th Infantry Division and citizens of the Islamic State of Afghanistan could lead to a most undesirable state of affairs, create tension and complicate relations between the Republic of Tajikistan and the Islamic State of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan voices the categorical protest of the Government of Tajikistan and views this action as a hostile and dangerous provocation and an attempt to violate the territorial integrity of Tajikistan.

The Government of Tajikistan, affirming its commitment to the maintenance and strengthening of good-neighbourly and friendly relations with Afghanistan, nevertheless feels obliged to state that any aggressive action against Tajikistan will be repelled with all available means. The Government of Tajikistan counts on an immediate response by the official authorities of the Islamic State of Afghanistan.

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